

Youth & Deployment

This program is dedicated to assisting parents and guardians in helping children deal with deployment. As our Guard Members prepare for deployment, the families also have to prepare, including our children. The State Youth Development Program continues to work diligently to provide you with the necessary information and tools to better address any and all issues during deployment.

We have many available resources which cover a broad range of issues such as :

- ★ **Coping with Deployment**
- ★ **Deployment and Educator Guides**
- ★ **Parent Youth Relationships**
- ★ **Communication tips**
- ★ **Readiness tips**
- ★ **Children Activities**

These resources help children stay connected to their deployed guard member and deal with their emotions throughout all phases of deployment. We also have information designed to maximize the reunion experience for everyone.

Our staff is committed to helping families of Guard members not only cope, but also flourish and grow by providing an effective system of emotional, academic and social support as a result of your affiliation with the Massachusetts National Guard.

There is a number of programs available to the Guard families and youth during deployment contact the Youth Program Coordinator for information and referral.

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